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Dear Ms. Shreve,

Thank you very much for your letter of 27 January and your invitation to submit a statement for inclusion in the Annual Convention Issue of SIGNAL magazine.

I continue to be impressed with the new directions and trends emerging in the communications and electronics field, and am grateful that organizations like the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association are keeping apace with these rapid developments. My thoughts on the subject for inclusion in your May issue are enclosed.

Best of luck with your convention and many thanks for allowing me to participate in a small way in the event.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner  
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The Intelligence Community continues to be deeply interested in the full range of technological advances and is working to adapt these burgeoning capabilities to the needs of analysts as well as consumers. Innovative conferencing techniques such as secure data exchange, facsimile, and even television systems are being explored to help coordinate and evaluate raw intelligence. These same options are available to speed finished intelligence to policymakers in effective and understandable form.

But, while technology may permit us to perform our mission more effectively, at the same time it presents a complex challenge to managers to ensure that technical solutions do not drive needs. The proliferation of transmission media from satellite communication to fiber optic cable systems is an indication of nearly infinite communications resources. However, technology must be applied judiciously. Inefficient application of these new resources could soon outstrip their abundance of capacity. The dedicated people working in the data processing and communications disciplines must continue to draw closer together to develop systems which utilize resources best. They have met that challenge admirably in the past and I am confident they will continue to do so in the future.



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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN (Ret.)  
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Dear Admiral Turner:

In May 1978 AFCEA will publish its Annual Convention Issue of SIGNAL Magazine. Our Convention Issue is always our most widely read and we plan to highlight the issue by publishing short statements from top military and government leaders.

Since we believe our readers would benefit from sharing your thoughts, we invite you to submit a short statement on new directions, trends, requirements and technology that are emerging in the areas of communications, electronics, command and control and computers. You may wish to make some projections based upon your office's Five-Year Program.

A statement of 300 words or less accompanied by your photograph would be a valued addition to this issue. Our deadline for receiving the statement and your photograph is March 10, 1978.

On behalf of the Association, we at National Headquarters solicit your participation in submitting a statement for this special issue and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Judith H. Shreve  
Editor  
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| <b>Remarks:</b><br><p>As I recall you have contributed comments before. Attached are some statements made by the Director of Signal Intelligence provided by HERB HETU's office. They may be helpful.</p> |                  |              |                |
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